

Coin-y ideas for holiday gift-giving

By Roger Boye

Shopping for coin-collecting friends should be easier than ever this holiday season, thanks to innovative products on the market. Here's a stocking-full of offbeat suggestions.

● **Ties.** For the collector who thinks he has everything, the American Numismatic Association offers two types of polyester ties—one depicting dollar signs, the other tiny money bags and the words "Buy Low Sell High." They're billed as the perfect way to proclaim an interest in money.

The ties, in navy blue with green embroidery, cost \$18 each (plus a shipping charge). Write to the ANA Museum Store, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903. For more information or to place a credit-card order, call toll free, 800-367-9723.

● **Prints.** Hobby newspaper Coin World has produced three types of colorful prints (\$4.95 each) showing U. S. gold or silver coins. They measure 18-by-24 inches and are suitable for framing. Write to Coin World, P.O. Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45365, or call, toll free, 800-253-4555 for credit-card orders.

● **Games.** Quick: Who's V.D.B.? Coin World's trivia game (\$17.95) includes more than 2,500 questions on coins and related subjects. Also, impress bridge partners with a deck of playing cards (\$5.95) showing a variety of coins. To order, use the Coin World address given above. (Artist Victor D. Brenner designed the Lincoln cent in 1909.)

● **Puzzles.** For the collector with lots of dexterity, Coin World also offers three types of



All wrapped up in bucks.

jigsaw puzzles, each containing about 600 pieces and costing \$12.95. The puzzles accurately reproduce color photographs of silver or gold coins.

● **Calendar.** Twelve views of the Liberty-seated coin design—created by Christian Gobrecht in 1836—adorn an informative 1989 coin calendar. The 11-by-17 inch format can lie flat on a desk or hang on a wall; also, several date squares carry tidbits of hobby history.

To order, send \$5.95 to Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, Wis. 54990. Persons who subscribe by Dec. 31 to Krause's weekly newspaper Numismatic News (one-year subscription costs \$24.95) get a free calendar.

● **U. S. paper money.** For just \$1 (plus a shipping charge), collectors can buy at least \$150 worth of genuine "greenbacks"! The catch is the money has been shredded by the government and can't be spent. Contact the ANA Museum Store, using the address or phone number given above.

P.S. The ANA also is selling wrapping paper depicting U. S. paper money (\$1.75, plus shipping, for a two-sheet package) and a gift tag containing a "money card" and cloth money pouch (\$1).